SUPERINTENDENT SHAFER CONCLUDES HER
“WELCOME TO HIGH SCHOOL, CLASS OF 2023”
PEP RALLIES AT S.T.A.R.S. ACADEMY

Shafer visited every Paterson high school’s freshman class to kick off school year

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PATERNOS – For the first time in the district’s history, a Paterson Public Schools superintendent has completed a tour of incoming freshmen classes and holding a pep rally at each of the district’s 12 high schools. Superintendent of Schools Eileen F. Shafer began the tour on September 16. Her last stop was at Students Transitioning and Achieving Real Success (S.T.A.R.S.) Academy on October 2.

S.T.A.R.S. Academy is the district’s magnet school for students with special needs.

“I set out to show our district’s ninth graders how important they are to me,” Shafer said. “Everywhere I went, I told them of the tremendous opportunities that are available to them while they are in high school. That held true at S.T.A.R.S. Academy as much as it did in any other high school. Every Paterson Public Schools student is able to take steps forward to the most fulfilling and independent life possible. Our students at S.T.A.R.S. Academy are no exception to that.”

Photo 1: Superintendent Shafer speaks to S.T.A.R.S. Academy students
Photo 2: Paterson Public Schools Chief Special Education Officer Cheryl D. Coy
Photo 3: S.T.A.R.S. Academy Principal Natalie Heard Hackett

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